TO: Dr. Paul Yu, College President

FROM: The Faculty Senate Meeting on: February 15, 1999

RE: X I. Formal Resolution (Act of Determination)
___ II. Recommendation (Urging the Fitness of)
___ III. Other, For your Information (Notice, Request, Report, etc.)

SUBJ: Resolution Requesting that the Board of Trustees Rescind Its Designation of a General Education Curriculum for SUNY

Signed: __________ Date Sent: 3/27/99
(Thomas Bonner, Faculty Senate President)

TO: The Faculty Senate

FROM: Dr. Paul Yu, College President

RE: I. Decision and Action Taken on Formal Resolution
   a) Accepted. Effective Date: 3/31/99.
   b) Deferred for discussion with the Faculty Senate on __________
   c) Unacceptable for the reasons contained in the attached explanation

II. III.
   a) Received and acknowledged
   b) Comment: 

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Distribution Date: 4/1/99 Signed: __________
(President of the College)

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GENERAL EDUCATION CURRICULUM FOR SUNY

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blueprint for general education designed to promote student success in the twenty-first century; and

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